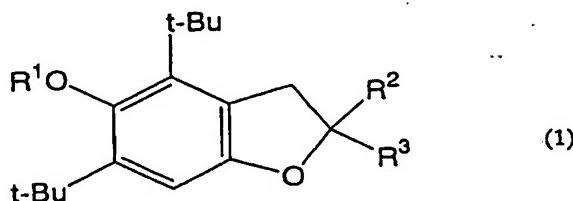


ABSTRACT

A pharmaceutical composition, and a method using the composition, for prevention and/or treatment of fatty liver or hepatic disease, the composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound of the formula (1):

[Chemical Formula 1]



where

R¹ is a hydrogen atom, an acyl group, or an arylalkoxycarbonyl group; and

R² and R³ are each independently a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group, or R² and R³ may combine to form a cycloalkyl group.